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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Michael HOUGHTON et al.

Serial No.: 09/884,456

Filing Date: June 18, 2001

For: HEPATITIS C VIRUS PROTEASE

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: 1652

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification as follows:

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